

IN THE TITLE

Please amend the title as follows: -- A MEMORY CARD
HAVING A BUFFER MEMORY FOR STORING TESTING INSTRUCTION--.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, before the first line, add the paragraph:

This is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No.
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Page 2, second full paragraph (lines 6-24), replace the
paragraph with:

The ~~inventor made~~inventors have conducted a study on a control program area of a file memory having a data processor. A file memory requires a program for debugging or testing in addition to a program for normal file management. The required programs are normally incorporated in a memory card even when the file memory incorporates a data processor, such as a microprocessor, because such a data processor does not need a function of accessing outside the memory card. The storage capacity of a ROM for storing programs is thus increased by the program for debugging and testing, and the like, which results in a problem in that the scale of the circuit is increased. Especially, the inventor found that a

countermeasure ~~must be taken~~ is needed when limitations ~~on a~~ placed upon chip size, and the like, do not allow a random increase of the storage capacity of a ROM in implementing functions of a memory card such as a file memory in the form of a semiconductor integrated circuit by loading them on a single chip.

IN THE ABSTRACT

A memory card (1) includes an electrically rewritable non-volatile memory (4), a data processor (3) having a function of executing instructions, and managing the allocation of file data in the non-volatile memory, an interface control circuit (2) having a function of establishing an external interface, for controlling the execution of instructions by the data processor in response to external commands and for controlling access to the non-volatile memory and a buffer memory (7) for temporarily storing the file data, ~~wherein.~~ The interface control circuit includes command control means for decoding a first command ~~supplied externally~~ supplied and for instructing the data processor to fetch an instruction from the buffer memory and to operate.

Preliminary Amendment

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